

OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT

Lake-Wide Control of Aquatic Invasive Plants Project

The USDA Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU), is inviting the public to submit objection comments on the draft Decision Notice / Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the Lake-Wide Control of Aquatic Invasive Plants project. The project would utilize proven manual methods for controlling aquatic invasive plant species that are known to have the potential to impact water quality, reduce aquatic habitat, and impact recreational activities and experience. Treatment methods include hand pulling, gas permeable benthic barriers and diver-assisted suction removal used in combination throughout the growing season, UV-C light, laminar flow aeration, and suction dredging and mechanical dredging (only in areas previously dredged). These methods would be approved throughout Lake Tahoe, tributaries, nearby marshes and Truckee River where suitable habitat occurs.

The project is found starting at <https://go.usa.gov/xmgxT>. Select "Lake-Wide Control of Aquatic Invasive Plants Project" for the project webpage.

To review the DN/FONSI and Environmental Assessment, under Project Documents, select the "Objection" tab.

To Object: On the "Lake-Wide Control of Aquatic Invasive Plants Project" webpage and under the righthand column heading "Get Connected", select "Comment/Object on Project".

Objections must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on 05/03/21 (PST). Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment periods. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments, unless based on new information arising after the designated comment periods.

At a minimum, objections MUST include: 1) name, address, and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship (scanned signature in an email); 3) when multiple names are listed, identification of the lead objector; 4) project name, William Jackson, Forest Supervisor, and Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit; 5) how the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy, and suggested remedies to resolve your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Please see 36 CFR 218.8 and 218.9 for complete requirements of timely submissions.

Postal written objections, including attachments, MUST be sent to: Objections Reviewing Officer; Attn: Lake-Wide Control of Aquatic Invasive Plants Project – LTBMU; USDA Forest Service; 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592. Electronic objections, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to: objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us with Subject: Lake-Wide Control of Aquatic Invasive Plants Project – LTBMU.

Names of objectors will be part of the public record, subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

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